

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a certified English translation of our Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-306298 from which priority is claimed in the present case. Accordingly, applicant is entitled to a filing date of October 21, 2002 in the present application.

In the Final Office Action, it was noted that there was allowed subject matter, but that a rejection of certain claims were maintained over a patent application publication with an effective prior art date of May 19, 2003. However, it is believed that all of the presently pending claims are now in condition for allowance in the present application.

If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed telephone number.

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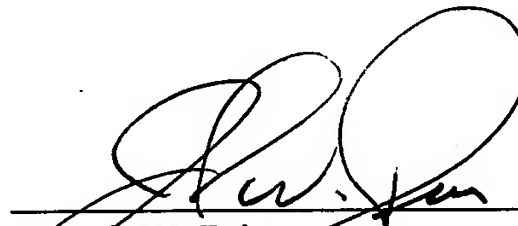


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